

Minutes

DOD/Indiana Pollution Prevention Partnership

Indiana Clean Manufacturing and Safe Materials Institute

8 October 2003

The meeting of the DOD/Indiana Pollution Prevention Partnership convened at 10:10 a.m. LTCOL Paul Davis served as Chairperson and Hugh McAlear served as Recorder.

AGENDA: See Attachment 1.

ATTENDANCE: See Attachment 2.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes from the 9 July meeting were approved.

WELCOME: Ann Piechota welcomed the Partnership members to the Purdue Research Park.

ACTION ITEM UPDATE:

- a. **Membership:** CAPT Jack Gilbertsen has left his position at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard. He will be taken off the Contacts Listing and List Serve. No replacement on board for him yet. Kari Wilson, Indiana Army National Guard will be added to the Contacts Listing and List Serve.
- b. **Web Page Development:** Karen Teliha indicated she has posted the write-up on the Crane Army Closing the Circle Award. The Minutes have been also been posted. Hugh will send Karen an electronic copy of the Contacts Listing so she can update the members on the web site.
- c. **Awards Program Update:** No new nominations received. Gary Belconis indicated he may nominate worthy efforts at Grissom Air Reserve Base for America Recycles Day on 15 November.
- d. **Success Stories:** No new success stories were presented. Frank Mitchell, Crane Army, mentioned that he will probably write up efforts to reduce costs to dispose of flammable solvents in one of their production processes. They used to open burn the flammable solvents until regulatory restrictions stopped that. Because the solvents had contacted explosive materials as part of the production process they were considered reactive wastes. Disposal cost was \$15 per pound. Crane was successful in getting the solvents re-categorized as a flammable waste that could be fuel blended off-post for .33 per pound. They are looking at options for recycling that may present additional cost savings.
- e. **Historian:** Nothing new to report.
- f. **Community Involvement:** Karen mentioned that IDEM has received a grant from EPA Region 5 for mercury reduction activities at publicly owned treatment works. EPA Region 5 mentioned that they are conducting a mercury thermometer collection

for their employees, 8 October. Paul Davis mentioned that 181st Fighter Wing had hosted a military group from Slovakia in the recent past.

- g. Opportunity Assessments:** Discussion ensued on the opportunity assessment conducted at the machine shop and the electroplating line after the last meeting at Army Crane. Frank mentioned that some of the equipment present during the opportunity assessment has since been swapped out with different equipment. Frank also mentioned that the Joint Munitions Command, the next higher headquarters for Crane Army will conduct an opportunity assessment at Crane the first week in November.

h. Open Discussion:

- Karen mentioned that the Sixth Annual Indiana P2 Conference and Trade Show will be held 20 October at Brown County State Park. Further details can be obtained at www.in.gov/idem.
- Karen also mentioned that the Governors Conference on the Environment, sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be held 30 October at the Harrison Conference Center, Fort Ben Harrison.
- Hugh distributed copies of the tri-fold for the DOD Region 5 Environmental Symposium scheduled for 18-20 November in Chicago.
- Gary Belconis left word that paint training offered by CMTI will now most likely be done at Grissom sometime in February or March 2004. If other units wish to piggyback on this training they should contact Gary.
- Hugh brought up the issue of converting the P2 Partnership into a broader sustainability partnership. This will be made a formal agenda item for the next meeting.
- Hugh also mentioned that due to a reorganization of the Army Regional Environmental Coordinator position, this would be his last meeting. He indicated there would still be an Army Region 5 REC but the individual would be physically located in Maryland and it was not clear as to how much involvement the individual would have with the partnerships in Region 5. Hugh promised to try and get word to the Partnership via the list serve.
- A desire was expressed to have a speaker on pest management operations at a future meeting. Karen will pursue an IDEM speaker.

TASKINGS

1. Update Contacts Listing/List Serve and forward Contacts Listing to Karen - Hugh
2. Notify Gary if interested in paint training at Grissom - All
3. Pursue an IDEM speaker on pest management operations – Karen
4. Provide Partnership info on future involvement by the new Army REC - Hugh

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 14 January 2004 at the Army Reserve Facility at Fort Ben Harrison.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

TOUR: Following the meeting a tour and briefing were conducted for Partnership members at the Coating Applications Research Laboratory operated by CMTI.